

### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 8/2/2021 ORM Number: SWG-2021-00336 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Texas City: Houston County/Parish/Borough: Harris

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 30.0036935 Longitude -95.3881559

### **II. FINDINGS**

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - □ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
  - □ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
  - □ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>					
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):					
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):					
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):					
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ : <sup>4</sup>					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
K111-02-00	3478	linear feet	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	This aquatic feature is a stormwater control feature that was constructed or excavated wholly in uplands and functions to collect, retain, and regulate stormwater flow. This feature does not contribute flow to jurisdictional waters in a typical year and does not extend into the OHWM of Turkey Creek. This feature is considered non- jurisdictional based on historical aerial photography, USGS topographic data, and elevation data.	
K111-02-01	861	linear feet	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	This aquatic feature is a stormwater control feature that was constructed or excavated wholly in uplands and functions to collect, retain, and regulate stormwater flow. This feature does not contribute flow to jurisdictional waters in a typical year and does not extend into the OHWM of Turkey Creek. This feature is considered non- jurisdictional based on historical aerial photography, USGS topographic data, and elevation data.	
K124-06-00	4432	linear feet	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	This aquatic feature is a stormwater control feature that was constructed or excavated wholly in uplands and functions to collect, retain, and regulate stormwater flow. This feature does not contribute flow to jurisdictional waters in a typical year and does not extend into the OHWM of Seals Gully (K124-00-00). This feature is considered non-jurisdictional based on historical aerial photography, USGS topographic data, and elevation data.	

# **III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: HCFCD AJD Request, May 17,

2021

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- Photographs: Aerial: Historical Aerials: 1972, 1981, 1984, 1989, 2020
- $\Box$  Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): See III C.
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- USGS topographic maps: 7.5 min USGS histotical quad: 1920 Spring, Tx.,

# Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other information (specify)	USGS, 1ft Contours

- B. Typical year assessment(s): Not required for this exclusion
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: These 3 channels are non-jurisdictional based on the fact that they are upland cut drainage ditches that were never part of a historic, pre-existing tributary.